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GOVERNOR RICK PERRY
STATE APPOINTMENT DISCLOSURE FORM**

[Note: This form should be completed and signed by the appointee no later than the 14th day after the date the public official is appointed or confirmed by the Senate, if nominated during a legislative session.]

Devon Anderson
(Print Name)

Harris County District Attorney
(Board Appointment)

The Public Information Act allows employees, public officials and former employees and officials to elect whether to keep certain information about them confidential. Unless you choose to keep it confidential, the following information about you may be subject to public release if requested under the Texas Public Information Act. Therefore, please indicate whether you wish to allow public release of the following information.

Public Access?

Home Address: No Yes _____

Home Telephone Number: No Yes _____

Social Security Number: No Yes _____

Information that reveals whether you have family members: No Yes _____

Devon Anderson
(Signature)

9-30-13
(Date)

*Please return form to:
Governor's Appointments Office
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711*

Belinda Hill
First Assistant



Criminal Justice Center
1201 Franklin, Suite 600
Houston, Texas 77002-1901

HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DEVON ANDERSON

September 30, 2013

Governor's Appointments Office
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: State Appointment Disclosure Form

Dear sir or madam,

I have enclosed the State Appointment Disclosure Form for Devon Anderson. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Armand".
Stephanie Armand



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

Septemeber 26, 2013

The Honorable Devon D. Anderson
[REDACTED]
Bellaire, TX 77401

Dear Judge Anderson:

Congratulations on your recent appointment. Your knowledge and experience will be invaluable as the Harris County District Attorney.

I appreciate your willingness to serve the State of Texas as my appointee and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Rick Perry

Rick Perry
Governor

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STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel

September 23, 2013

VIA EMAIL

Christina Hutchinson
Office of the Governor
Post Office Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Devon Diane Anderson; State Bar Number 20839600

Dear Ms. Hutchinson:

Pursuant to your request, I have researched our disciplinary records and report that we have no record of any complaints pending against the attorney listed above.

Ms. Anderson is active and in good standing with the State Bar of Texas. "Good standing" means that the attorney is current on payment of Bar dues and attorney occupation tax; has met Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements; and is not presently under either administrative or disciplinary suspension. She was accepted to the bar on November 1, 1991.

No previous disciplinary sanctions have been entered against Ms. Anderson's law license.

Please let me know if you need additional information or if I can be of further assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne McKenna".
Anne McKenna
Executive Administrative Manager
Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel
State Bar of Texas

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Jared R. Woodfill
President

River Oaks Green
3131 Eastside Street, Suite 450
Houston, Texas 77098
713 751 3080
713 751 3058 Fax
jwoodfill@woodfilllaw.com

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Hon. Rick Perry
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Re: Harris County District Attorney: Devon Anderson Recommendation

Dear Governor Perry,

It is an honor to recommend former District Judge, **Devon Anderson**, to serve as our next District Attorney in Harris County. As you may know, Devon was a prosecutor in the Harris County District Attorney's Office prior to serving on the bench. She then went on to serve as a District Court Judge in the 177th Criminal District Court. As a member of the judiciary, she had a great reputation. She was respectful to all and had a great judicial temperament. Additionally, Devon has been very active in the local party, participating in numerous functions and always lending a hand to help others. She is well known amongst the grass-roots activist and is admired by all. [REDACTED] was an outstanding DA who will be greatly missed. In Devon, we have an individual who can continue the good work [REDACTED] started and build on his legacy while adding her own vision to the office. As the Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party, I also look at the ability of the applicant to hold the appointed office in the next election. It is my opinion that Devon would be successful in the primary and November election for all the reasons discussed above. Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Jared Woodfill



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 19, 2013

Mr. Jared R. Woodfill
River Oaks Green
3131 Eastside Street, Suite 450
Houston, TX 77098

Dear Mr. Woodfill:

Thank you for your recommendation of Devon Anderson. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

Governor Perry appreciates your interest and involvement in the appointments process. We thank you for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell D. Dávila".

Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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From: Governor Rick Perry Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 12:37 PM
Subject: Gov. Perry Appoints Anderson District Attorney of Harris County



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
RICK PERRY**

For Immediate Distribution
Sept. 24, 2013
Press Release

Governor's Press Office: 512-463-1826
Lucy Nashed: lucy.nashed@gov.texas.gov
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Gov. Perry Appoints Anderson District Attorney of Harris County

AUSTIN -- Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Devon Anderson of Bellaire as district attorney of Harris County for a term to expire at the next general election.

Anderson is an attorney and former partner of Anderson and Thomas PLLC. She is also former judge of the 177th Judicial District Court and a past assistant district attorney for Harris County. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Houston Bar Association, and president of the Harris County Drug Court Foundation. She is a past member of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association and Texas Association of Drug Court Professionals. She is also a volunteer for Houston Habitat for Humanity and the Bellaire Girls Softball Association.

Anderson received a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Texas.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 10, 2013

Major John "Shannon" Davis
[REDACTED]

Houston, TX 77008

Dear Major Davis:

We have received your updated application and resume. Thank you for your willingness to serve the state. It is always reassuring to know that there are qualified and dedicated people who are willing to participate in state government.

Please be assured your application will be given serious consideration. We will contact you if we need additional information during the appointments process.

Sincerely,

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Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

HONORABLE WILLIE E.B. BLACKMON
P.O. Box 1727
Houston, Texas 77251
713-223-5919 Office
281-501-6777 Fax

September 3, 2013

HONORABLE RICK PERRY
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Re: Appointment Harris County District Attorney

HONORABLE BELINDA HILL

Dear Governor,

It is indeed an honor and a privilege for me to put forward the name of an outstanding lawyer and former jurist for appointment to the position of Harris County District Attorney. It saddened me to learn that District Attorney Mike Anderson had lost his battle with cancer. He was a conscientious assistant district attorney, a judge who understood the rule of law, and a district attorney who was aware of the need to make the victim whole, as well as ensuring that justice was served. We will miss his sense of fairness even while wielding the iron fist of justice. The Interim District Attorney, Honorable Belinda Hill, is cut from the same cloth as her predecessor. This is the reason D.A. Anderson made her his First Assistant. Ms. Hill stepped down from the bench to take on this role as an extension of her long and honored tenure of public service.

Governor Perry I will not attempt to extol her qualifications to take on the responsibilities of District Attorney in one of Texas' most populous counties. Her career of public service speaks for itself. I support her candidacy for appointment because I am personally acquainted with her career from the time she matriculated in law school to the present. We started law school together at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1979, and graduated as members of the Class of 1982. Since that time I have watched her blossom into one of the finest attorneys and jurists this county has ever known. As a judge she possessed a judicial temperament that was second to none. And as the Harris County District Attorney she will represent the interests of the people of the state of Texas and Harris County in a manner that will make us all proud. It is without reservation that I ask you to appoint the Honorable Belinda Hill as Harris County District Attorney.

Sincerely yours,

Willie E.B. Blackmon
WILLIE E.B. BLACKMON

Distinguished Alumnus Texas A&M University

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William A. "Bill" Lawson
4042 Glen Cove Drive
Houston, TX 77021

Hon. Rick Perry, Governor
State of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Perry,

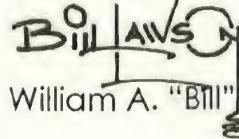
You would not know me, but I am a Baptist preacher living in Houston. I have just learned today when my wife and I returned from vacation of the death of Judge Mike Anderson this past weekend. That is, to put it mildly, a major tragedy for the Anderson family—but almost as much for Harris County.

He was a man of high values and impeccable integrity, and while I am a Democrat, I respected him more than most Democrats in public office in Houston-Harris County. I will join the thousands in prayer for Judge Devon and the children.

You must now appoint an interim. This letter comes, from a Democrat you do not know, to recommend to you Judge Anderson's first Assistant Judge Belinda Hill. He chose her after very careful deliberation, because as a tough but fair judge, now bearing the weight of the DA's office, he wanted somebody who knew the law well, who knew the Harris County criminal justice system well, who shared his work ethic and his principles of justice. She was not an afterthought. Judge Anderson knew Judge Hill was one of the most highly respected persons in any office in Harris County (administrative, legislative, or judicial). He has established a direction that portrays the "moral arc that bends toward justice," and we think that direction needs to continue. We are persuaded that Judge Hill, whose abilities and inclinations you know well, would do just that.

It is your decision, and we know you must plow through multitudes of applicants, and I just wanted to get my two cents in. I will respect whoever you select; but my personal preference would be Judge Belinda Hill.

Sincerely,


William A. "Bill" Lawson



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 9, 2013

Mr. William A. "Bill" Lawson
4042 Glen Cove Drive
Houston, TX 77021

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Thank you for your recommendation of Belinda Hill. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

Governor Perry appreciates your interest and involvement in the appointments process. We thank you for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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September 4, 2013

The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Perry:

On August 31, 2013, our friend, Harris County District Attorney James Michael Anderson, succumbed to his battle with cancer. Our organization and membership were strong supporters of Mike Anderson and we also enjoyed an excellent professional working relationship with his leadership team at the district attorney's office.

The purpose of this correspondence is to solicit your support to appoint Mike Anderson's first assistant district attorney, former judge Belinda Hill, to serve as Harris County District Attorney in compliance with the state constitution.

Judge Hill is an excellent attorney who has demonstrated her commitment to justice during her tenure with the Harris County District Attorney's Office and as a criminal district court judge.

There was a very good reason that Mike Anderson chose Judge Hill to be his first assistant district attorney. During Mike's battle with cancer, Judge Hill upheld the lofty mission of the district attorney's office. She is an outstanding leader and an unwavering advocate for justice.

For those reasons, our organization is in total and complete support of Judge Hill and we respectfully request that you appoint her in your capacity as Governor to lead the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

Sincerely,

Ray Hunt
President

cc: Mr. Darrell Davilla, Governor's Appointments Director



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 10, 2013

Mr. Ray Hunt
Houston Police Officers' Union
1600 State Street
Houston, TX 77007

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Thank you for your recommendation of Belinda Hill. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

Governor Perry appreciates your interest and involvement in the appointments process. We thank you for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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Austin, Texas 78711

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Sincerely,

Ray Hunt
President

cc: Mr. Darrell Davilla, Governor's Appointments Director

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Chambers Of

Judge Larry Gist
Drug Impact Court
215 Franklin, Suite 160
Beaumont, TX 77701
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Texas Board of Legal Specialization

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TO: Governor Rick Perry
Attn: Bech Bruun, Director, Appointments Div.
P. O. Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711

RE: **(Judge) Belinda Hill**
Harris County District Attorney

DATE: September 3, 2013

I know you are aware of the untimely and unfortunate recent death of Mike Anderson, Harris County District Attorney.

I sincerely and strongly urge you to appoint his currently serving First Assistant, (Judge) Belinda Hill, to serve as District Attorney until the next election.

(Judge) Hill has a distinguished career as a Harris County prosecutor, Criminal District Judge and as Mike's First Assistant. She has run the office since Mike began treatment several months ago.

I have known (Judge) Hill for many years and watched her excellent service in the criminal justice system. I do not know if she will seek appointment to replace Mike, but if she does, you could not possibly make a better choice.

She is an excellent administrator and has an honorable devotion to criminal justice. She alone is capable of continuing the high goals that Mike brought to the largest prosecutors office in Texas. I am proud to recommend her to you without any reservation or qualification whatsoever.

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Judge Larry Gist

LJG/sb



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 11, 2013

The Honorable Larry Gist
Drug Impact Court
215 Franklin Street, Suite 160
Beaumont, TX 77701

Dear Judge Gist:

Thank you for your recommendation of Belinda Hill. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

Governor Perry appreciates your interest and involvement in the appointments process. We thank you for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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CALVIN A. HARTMANN
Attorney at Law

[REDACTED]
Spring, Texas 77379-7925
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Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Dear Governor Perry:

I write this letter in support of Belinda Hill for the appointment to the office of District Attorney for Harris County, Texas, to fill the unexpired term of the late James Michael Anderson.

I make this recommendation based upon having served as an Assistant District Attorney for twenty-five years under Johnny Holmes, eighteen years of which being in the capacity of Chief of the Legal Services Bureau and thus having personally observed the work of Ms. Hill and her interaction with lawyers within the office and the judiciary. Because of her work ethic, knowledge of the law, intellect, supervisory and communication skills, and the respect she had garnered both within the office and the judiciary, I wrote a letter to then Governor George Bush in support of her application to a vacant Harris County district court bench.

Ms. Hill was appointed to that bench and demonstrated those same qualities in that capacity which had undoubtedly served her so well as an Assistant District Attorney. She was probably the most respected criminal district court judge in Harris County when Mr. Anderson asked her to be his First Assistant upon his election as District Attorney in 2012. With his untimely death Ms. Hill has undertaken to supervise the office based upon the same high standards that Mr. Anderson had set. At his celebration of life service it was clear to me from conversations with former associates that Ms. Hill has the full support of the staff in the District Attorney Office.

The fact that Mr. Anderson thought so much of Ms. Hill that he was able to convince her to give up that bench and serve the citizens of Harris County as the office's First Assistant patently demonstrates the high regard which he held for her. Out of respect for Mr. Anderson I might have suggested that Ms. Hill be appointed as District Attorney, but she brings so much more to the proverbial table that her merits alone patently support her appointment. Succinctly, Ms. Hill is the complete package.

Sincerely,

CALVIN A. HARTMANN



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 17, 2013

Mr. Calvin A. Hartmann

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Spring, TX 77379

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

Thank you for your recommendation of Belinda Hill. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

Governor Perry appreciates your interest and involvement in the appointments process. We thank you for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - WEB MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Name: Mr Stephen F Driver **Correspondence ID:** [REDACTED] **IP Address:** 166.147.72.17 **Incoming Type:** O

Address: 21043 Florette Ln
Spring
TX
77388 **Date Submitted:** 9/13/2013 3:50:52PM
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: 8326065492

Message:

Dear Governor Perry,

Please appoint Belinda Hill as the interim District Attorney of Harris County. When Mike Anderson was elected DA, the office was in need of change and renewal. Mike worked hard to make both happen, even in the midst of a battle with terminal cancer. Belinda Hill was his right hand during that time and has done a marvelous job. Her qualifications are very similar to those of Mike Anderson: longtime prosecutor and respected State District Court judge. There is no choice more appropriate than she

Thank you for all you do for the Great State of Texas.

Stephen Driver



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 17, 2013

Mr. Stephen F. Driver
21043 Florette Lane
Spring, TX 77388

Dear Mr. Driver:

Thank you for your recommendation of Belinda Hill. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

Governor Perry appreciates your interest and involvement in the appointments process. We thank you for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 5, 2013

Ms. Rachel Ann Palmer

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Houston, TX 77010

Dear Ms. Palmer:

We have received your application and resume. It is always helpful and reassuring to know that there are qualified and dedicated people who are willing to participate in state government.

Please be assured your application will be given serious consideration. We will contact you if we need additional or updated information during the appointments process. It is helpful if you notify us of significant changes in your resume or if your contact information changes.

You may contact our office for detailed information on appointments or refer to the Governor's Website, www.governor.state.tx.us.

Thank you for your interest in serving.

Sincerely,

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Darrell D. Dávila
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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

September 23, 2013

Governor Rick Perry
Austin, Texas

Dear Governor Perry:

I am writing a letter in support of Ms. Rachal Ann Palmer for Harris County District Attorney.
I have included her resume for your review.

Sincerely,

Dr. A. T. Garcia

RACHEL ANN PALMER

Legal Experience

Harris County District Attorney's Office 2003 –
now

Assistant District Attorney

- Trial Lawyer, *January 2013 – present*
 - Prosecute violent offender cases within the Trial Bureau
- Appellate Division, *January 2011 – January 2013*
 - Performed advanced research on complex legal issues
 - Read trial records and prepared legal briefs and research memos on diverse topics
 - Represented the State of Texas in oral argument before the appellate courts
- Deputy Chief, *April 2009 – January 2011*
 - Conducted detailed legislative analysis regarding criminal law issues
 - Established and organized a research library for all prosecutors
 - Led the Misdemeanor Division in handling over 6,000 misdemeanor cases accepted each month and over 16,000 pending cases
 - Supervised over sixty prosecutors and staff and managed compliance with office policies and procedures
 - Trained misdemeanor prosecutors in trial and case strategies
- Trial Lawyer, *March 2003 – April 2009*
 - Conducted discovery in criminal cases including witness preparation for hearings, motions, and trials
 - Lead trial counsel in over seventy trial cases
 - Successfully litigated two cold cases

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)

2002

Lawyer, Biljana Plavšić Defense Team

- Managed, coordinated, and analyzed documents received through disclosure
- Prepared reports and formulated recommendations on disclosure materials
- Developed and supervised the academic internship program

Education

South Texas College of Law

1999 – 2002

Universiteit Leiden

2002

University of Notre Dame

2000

The University of Texas

1993 –

1997

Honors

Joseph T. Ainsworth Volunteer Community Award -- Health Adventures, The University

of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Speaker Award, Garland R. Walker Memorial Mock Trial Competition

Relevant Continuing Education Coursework

- Advanced Legal Writing & Editing, Bryan Garner
- Conference on State and Federal Appeals
- Forensic Evidence, National District Attorney's Association
- Fundamentals of Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law
- Juvenile Law Conference
- The Winning Oral Argument, Bryan Garner

Professional Activities

- Houston Bar Association, Member and Volunteer
- Juvenile Consequences Program, Speaker
- South Texas College of Law, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2009 – 2012
- Texas and District County Attorney's Association
 - Faculty Assistant, Prosecutor Trial Skills Course
 - Guarding Texas Roadways, Impaired Driving Summit Facilitator
- Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, Member

Community Voluntarism

- Child Advocates, Volunteer
- Force4Compassion, Honorary Advisory Board Member
- Houston Area Women's Center, Volunteer
- Houston Pregnancy Help Center, Volunteer
- The Junior League of Houston, Inc.
 - Membership Council, 2013 – 2014
 - Open Door Meeting Hostess, 2013 – 2014
 - Strategic Planning Study Chairman, 2013 – 2014
 - Communications Council, 2012 – 2013
 - Community Communications Manager, 2012 – 2013
 - Communications Sub-Council, 2012 – 2013
 - Board of Directors, 2011 – 2012
 - Community Council, 2011 – 2013
 - Community Leadership Training Committee, 2010 – 2012
 - Health and Well-Being Interest Group Director, 2011 – 2012
 - The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Placement Chairman, 2010 – 2011
 - Neighborhood Outreach Interest Group Researcher, 2009 – 2010
 - The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Volunteer, 2008 – 2009
 - Museum of Fine Arts – Houston Docent, 2007 – 2008
 - Tea Room Volunteer, 2006 – 2007
 - Texas Children's Hospital Volunteer, 2006 – 2007
- M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Health Adventures, Volunteer

Personal Interests

- Crossfit Roughnecks, Member
- Houston Area Road Runners, Member
- National Rifle Association, Member
- Skeet, sporting clays, and combat pistol shooter



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

October 1, 2013

A. T. Garcia, M.D.
Houston Heart Centre
12121 Richmond Avenue, Suite 309
Houston, TX 77082

Dear Dr. Garcia:

Thank you for your recommendation of Rachel Palmer. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

Governor Perry appreciates your interest and involvement in the appointments process. We thank you for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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JIM LEITNER

ATTORNEY AT LAW

1314 Texas Avenue, Suite 1419

Houston, Texas 77002

Office (713) 221-6611

Cell (281) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@[REDACTED].com

September 18, 2013

Governor Rick Perry
Appointments Office
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Appointment of Interim District Attorney for Harris County, Texas

Dear Governor Perry:

I am aware that **Rachel Palmer** has submitted her application to be appointed as the interim district attorney for Harris County. Please accept this as my recommendation that you consider her as the best candidate for that position.

I am a native Houstonian and have been either an assistant district attorney or criminal defense attorney for the past 38 years. I have served as the First Assistant District Attorney for Bell and Lampasas counties and as the First Assistant District Attorney for Harris County during my time as a criminal law practitioner. I have known Rachel Palmer since 2003 when she began her career as an assistant district attorney. I have tried cases against her as a criminal defense attorney, and I have supervised her in her duties as an assistant district attorney when I was the First Assistant. She is an exceptional advocate for the rights of victims, and she was a loyal worker for justice in her role as an assistant district attorney. She has served the citizens of Harris County well since 2003.

I also have a military background having retired as a Commander in the United States Coast Guard Reserve. I have served twice as commanding officer for reserve units in and around the Houston, Galveston area. In my military career and in my law career I have come to recognize and respect those who are blessed with good judgment. Rachel Palmer is a person who possesses good professional judgment and I have always valued her opinions. I would without hesitation recommend to you Rachel Palmer to serve in the position of Harris County District Attorney. She is the type of person Harris County needs, and the type of person I would be honored to serve with if she were so appointed.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Leitner



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 23, 2013

Mr. Jim Leitner
1314 Texas Avenue, Suite 1419
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Mr. Leitner:

Thank you for your recommendation of Rachel Palmer. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

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Sincerely,

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Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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Re: Governor's appointment for the interim Harris County District Attorney

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Governor Rick Perry
Appointments Office
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Perry,

I am writing you today to strongly recommend **Rachel Palmer** as the interim Harris County District Attorney.

As a third generation Houstonian, I am very concerned about the leadership in the Harris County District Attorney's office and the escalation of violent crime in our community. Rachel is uniquely qualified to fill this position. She served as Deputy Chief for almost three years under Pat Lykos and has dedicated her life to seeking justice in Harris County.

We need Rachel in this position to restore credibility to the Harris County District Attorney's office. Rachel is a proven Conservative and has served Harris County with integrity and purpose and is someone that all our citizens would be proud to have as our District Attorney.

Best Regards,

Clyde W. Bryan

Clyde W. Bryan
Vice President



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 23, 2013

Mr. Clyde W. Bryan
Highlights Electrical
4544 South Pinemont, Suite 208
Houston, TX 77041

Dear Mr. Bryan:

Thank you for your recommendation of Rachel Palmer. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

Governor Perry appreciates your interest and involvement in the appointments process. We thank you for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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Re: Governor's Appointment for interim Harris County District Attorney

Governor Rick Perry
Appointments Office
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Perry,

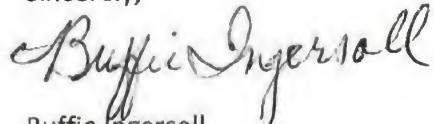
I am very concerned about the Harris County Courthouse. I am writing you to recommend Rachael Palmer to fill the position as the interim Harris County District Attorney.

Rachael served as Deputy Chief for almost three years under Pat Lykos and is passionately dedicated to her job of seeking justice for Harris County residents. She has the knowledge, experience, and people skills to lead the office and keep our courthouse conservative.

Rachael's tract record of conservatism and integrity makes her the perfect candidate to fill this important position. I know she would bring back confidence in the District Attorney office.

Thank you for your time and consideration .

Sincerely,



Buffie Ingersoll

President, Village Republican Women

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1100 San Jacinto
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RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 19, 2013

Ms. Elizabeth R. "Buffie" Ingersoll
9 Rollingwood Drive
Houston, TX 77080

Dear Ms. Ingersoll:

Thank you for your recommendation of Rachel Palmer. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

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Friendswood, TX 77546
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Dear Governor Perry:

Our community has suffered a loss with the passing of Harris County District Attorney Mike Anderson. Unfortunately, the burden of appointing a new Harris County DA now falls on your shoulders until such time as the voters of Harris County can elect their choice for a new DA.

As a tea party leader and Republican activist, I consider the character and qualifications of a new Harris County DA every bit as important as I would those for those serving in State Government. I believe that your appointment should be a person of exemplary character, principled positions, as well as, the appropriate qualifications and experience.

Therefore it is with these qualities in mind that I recommend Harris County Assistant DA **Rachel Ann Palmer** for appointment as the Harris County District Attorney. Rachel has previously served as the Deputy Chief DA and is well qualified for the position. Furthermore, she has demonstrated her character and principles with her volunteer work which includes: women and children health advocacy, pro-life pregnancy counseling, and local community involvement.

As a conservative grassroots activist in the Houston area who strives to be involved in issues of local and State government, please consider my recommendation of Assistant DA Rachel Palmer.

Sincerely,

Dale T. NDS

Dale Thomas Huls

Harris County Republican Precinct Chair 0655
President, Clear Lake Area Republicans
Clear Lake Tea Party Executive Board Member
Lt. Governor's Grassroots Leadership Council



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RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 18, 2013

Mr. Dale Thomas Huls
2715 Cross Tide Lane
Friendswood, TX 77546

Dear Mr. Huls:

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Carolyn Farb
President

Dear Governor Perry,

I'm writing on behalf of Rachel Ann Palmer who has submitted an application for appointment as the Harris County District Attorney.

Palmer is accomplished and passionate about the work that she does in the District Attorney's Office. She has worked there since 2003 to the present. Among her many successes while in her present position, she has worked as a trial lawyer in prosecuting violent offender cases. In the Appellate Division, she has performed research on complex legal issues and represented the State of Texas in oral arguments in the Appellate Courts. As Deputy Chief, from 2009 – 2011, she led the Misdemeanor Division in handling over 6,000 cases accepted each month, and over 16,000 pending cases. Palmer has mentored misdemeanor prosecutors in trial and case strategies.

Palmer served as a trial lawyer from 2003 – 2009 and lead trial counsel in over seventy trial cases. She has been actively involved in both professional and community activities. Her professional activities include volunteering and membership with the Houston Bar Association. She has served on the South Texas College of Law Alumni Board of Association Directors from 2009-2012. Rachel has volunteered with child advocates, the Houston area Women's Center and the Junior League of Houston with their many different non-profit organizations.

Palmer is an avid football fan- a true Texan- and a strong advocate for justice. I heartily endorse her as a solid candidate to fill the position of Harris Country District Attorney.

Hope all is well as you continue to lead Texas gallantly.

Best Regards,

Dr. Carolyn Farb, hc
713-627-2262



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RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 17, 2013

Dr. Carolyn Farb
Carolina Holdings, Inc.
1814 Larchmont
Houston, TX 77019

Dear Dr. Farb:

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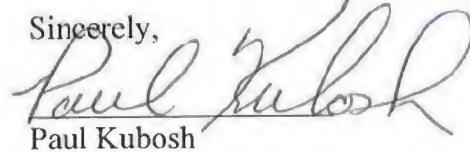
Governor Perry's Appointment Office
1100 San Jaccinto
Austin, Tx. 78701

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Paul Kubosh. I would like to introduce myself. I and my family were responsible for putting the Citizen Charter Amendment on the Ballot in the City of Houston that ended the Red Light Camera Program.

I am writing you to recommend **Rachel Ann Palmer** for the position of District Attorney in Harris County. I have enclosed a copy of her resume for your review. Clearly she is qualified and would make an excellent District Attorney. As the District Attorney she would receive my full support throughout her career.

Sincerely,


Paul Kubosh

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RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 17, 2013

Mr. Paul Kubosh
Kubosh & Associates
1619 Lubbock Street
Houston, TX 77007

Dear Mr. Kubosh:

Thank you for your recommendation of Rachel Palmer. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

Governor Perry appreciates your interest and involvement in the appointments process. We thank you for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

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Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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Joseluis R. Ablaza
8022 Glen Dell Ct. | Houston, TX | 77061

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Governor's Appointments Office
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

I am the Republican Chair of Precinct 850 in Harris County Texas. I am reaching out to you to urge you to appoint **Rachel Hooper** as our next Harris County District Attorney. I have known her to be an individual of integrity and honesty. It is my belief that Mrs. Hooper will make us proud. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss my endorsement further.

Yours Truly,

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Joseluis R. Ablaza



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RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 17, 2013

Mr. Joseluis R. Ablaza
8022 Glen Dell Court
Houston, TX 77061

Dear Mr. Ablaza:

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SARAH DAVIS
DISTRICT 134
HARRIS COUNTY

September 11, 2013

Re: Governor's appointment for the position Harris County District Attorney

Dear Governor Perry:

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend **Rachel Palmer** for the position of Harris County District Attorney.

Having known Rachel for some time now, I have the upmost confidence that her background and reputation is representative of the qualities needed to be the district attorney in Harris County. Rachel has an extensive education background spanning from the University of Texas, University of Notre Dame, Universiteit Leiden and South Texas College of Law. She also served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the South Texas College of Law.

A Houston Bar Association Member, Rachel has worked in the Harris County District Attorney's office since 2003. As assistant district attorney, she worked in several fields from a trial lawyer prosecuting violent offender cases to Deputy Chief of the Misdemeanor Division handling over 6,000 misdemeanor cases monthly. What I consider to be unique for an attorney, Rachel has international law experience as a lawyer for the Biljana Plavsic Defense Team during the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

I feel it is very evident that Rachel's background speaks volumes about her veteran experience both internationally and locally. Houston is one of the most diverse cities in Texas and has unique challenges that require seasoned professionals. I believe Rachel to be the seasoned professional we need for Harris County District Attorney.

I appreciate your consideration for Rachel's recommendation. If I can be of further assistance to you during this process, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Sarah Davis

Sarah Davis
House District 134

Capitol:
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768-2910
(512) 463-0389
Fax (512) 463-1374

District:
3100 Richmond Avenue
Suite 316
Houston, Texas 77098
(713) 521-4474
Fax: (713) 521-4443

Committees: Appropriations, Article II Subcommittee • Calendars • Public Health
Email: Sarah.Davis@house.state.tx.us



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 13, 2013

The Honorable Sarah Davis
Texas House of Representatives
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, TX 78768

Dear Representative Davis:

Thank you for your recommendation of Rachel Palmer. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

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Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - WEB MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Name: Mrs. Jo Ann Tritico **Correspondence ID:** **IP Address:** 70.138.59.105 **Incoming Type:** O

Address:
9133 Larston
Houston
TX
77055

Date Submitted: 9/9/2013 7:01:37AM
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: (713)-464-2210

Message:

My prayers are with you in appointing a District Attorney replacing Mike Anderson. I PRAY IT WILL BE A PRO LIFE SUPPORTER SUCH AS RACHEL PALMER.

Governor you have been a strong advocate of LIFE. Please continue

Sincerely, Jo Ann Tritico



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 13, 2013

Ms. Jo Ann Tritico
9133 Larston
Houston, TX 77055

Dear Ms. Tritico:

Thank you for your recommendation of Rachel Palmer. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

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Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - WEB MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Name: Mrs. Maria T Hernandez **Correspondence ID:** [REDACTED] **IP Address:** 143.111.80.29 **Incoming Type:** O

Address:
19100 Glenwest Dr.#637
Friendswood
TX
77546

Date Submitted: 9/9/2013 8:24:14AM
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: 713-254-8192

Message:

Dear Governor Perry,

Please appoint Rachel Palmer to fill Mike Anderson's unexpired term.

Thank you,

M. Teresa Hernandez



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 13, 2013

Ms. Maria T. Hernandez
19100 Glenwest Drive, #637
Friendswood, TX 77546

Dear Ms. Hernandez:

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - WEB MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Name: Mrs. Martha Garcia Correspondence ID: IP Address: Incoming Type:
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Address: 8214 Buffalo Speedway Date Submitted: 9/10/2013 11:00:47AM
Houston Email: [REDACTED]
TX Phone: 713-294-7762
77025

Message:

Please Appoint Rachel Palmer Harris County DA

Martha Garcia
8214 Buffalo Speedway
Houston, TX 77025-2507

September 10, 2013

The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
State Insurance Building, 1100 San Jacinto
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Governor Perry,

Dear Governor Perry,

I respectfully plead with you to appoint Rachel Palmer, former Assistant District Attorney to Pat Lykos, as the replacement for the late Mike Anderson.

Rachel Palmer is a woman of good character and very pro-life. Unlike former Judge Belinda Hill, a pro-abortionist, Rachel Palmer would most definitely take action on the Dr. Douglas Karpen case. Dr. Karpen needs to be put on trial just as was Gosnell

Sincerely,

Martha M. Garcia
713-294-7762



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RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 13, 2013

Ms. Martha Garcia
8214 Buffalo Speedway
Houston, TX 77025

Dear Ms. Garcia:

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - WEB MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Name: Dr robert schwartz **Correspondence ID:** **IP Address:** 70.240.187.127 **Incoming Type:** O

Address: 5834 Dryad
Houston
TX
77035 **Date Submitted:** 9/10/2013 10:57:38AM
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: 7137211853

Message:

Rachel Palmer is the best, most respected person for Harris County attorney. Please view her standards, good Governor Perry.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 13, 2013

Dr. Robert Schwartz
5834 Dryad Drive
Houston, TX 77035

Dear Dr. Schwartz:

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Peggy B. Smith, Ph.D.
14 E. Greenway Plaza #18M
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Mr. Darrell Davila
Director
Governor's Appointments Office
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, TX 78701

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to enthusiastically recommend Ms. **Rachel Ann Palmer** to fill the unexpired term of the Harris County District Attorney, Mr. Mike Anderson, who recently died in Houston last week. Ms. Palmer brings a robust resume documenting experiences related to the management of complicated cases in the judicial system. Her experience also reflects a strong working knowledge of the relationship between legislative intent and the implementation of criminal statutes. Ms. Palmer is highly organized, can carry a large docket of cases and has strong, managerial skills not only with prosecutors but also with support staff as well. She has been the lead counsel in over 70 trial cases and has also litigated successfully cold cases in Harris County.

Ms. Palmer also has international experience in criminal tribunals and has participated in international litigation related to cases in the former Yugoslavia. She not only has a strong resume of professional activities in the area of legal activities but has also been a strong community volunteer in the Houston Harris County. I have worked extensively with Ms. Palmer in providing community leadership with The Junior League of Houston. She has held multiple leadership positions and has been an outstanding member of our community. I think she reflects the type of leadership that would be appropriate to fill this unexpired position. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this recommendation. I recommend Ms. Palmer enthusiastically without reservation. Her resume is attached.

Sincerely,



Peggy B. Smith, Ph.D.
Professor and Director
Baylor Teen Health Clinic
Office – 713-873-3601

RACHEL ANN PALMER

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MICHAEL G. TAPP

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
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FAX (281) 890-1961

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Mary Fraser
Governor's Appointment Office
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Rachel Ann Palmer

Dear Ms. Fraser:

I understand Gov. Perry is to appoint an interim district attorney for Harris County due to the passing of Mike Anderson.

I urge the Governor to appoint **Rachel Ann Palmer** to the position.

A copy of her resume is enclosed. As you can see, she has the knowledge, training, and experience necessary for the job.

Her reputation in the community is stellar. She is a strong conservative who will aggressively prosecute crime in Harris County.

Please pass this letter and resume on to Governor Perry for his consideration.

Very Truly,

Michael G. Tapp

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Joseph T. Ainsworth Volunteer Community Award - Health Adventures, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Speaker Award, Garland R. Walker Memorial Mock Trial Competition

Relevant Continuing Education Coursework

- Advanced Legal Writing & Editing, Bryan Garner
- Conference on State and Federal Appeals
- Forensic Evidence, National District Attorney's Association
- Fundamentals of Oil, Gas, and Mineral Law
- Juvenile Law Conference
- The Winning Oral Argument, Bryan Garner

Professional Activities

- Houston Bar Association, Member and Volunteer
- Juvenile Consequences Program, Speaker
- South Texas College of Law, Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2009 - 2012
- Texas and District County Attorney's Association
 - Faculty Assistant, Prosecutor Trial Skills Course
 - Guarding Texas Roadways, Impaired Driving Summit Facilitator
- Texas Supreme Court Historical Society, Member

Community Voluntarism

- Child Advocates, Volunteer
- Force4Compassion, Honorary Advisory Board Member
- Houston Area Women's Center, Volunteer
- Houston Pregnancy Help Center, Volunteer
- The Junior League of Houston, Inc.
 - Membership Council, 2013 - 2014
 - Open Door Meeting Hostess, 2013 - 2014
 - Strategic Planning Study Chairman, 2013 - 2014
 - Communications Council, 2012 - 2013
 - Community Communications Manager, 2012 - 2013
 - Communications Sub-Council, 2012 - 2013
 - Board of Directors, 2011 - 2012
 - Community Council, 2011 - 2013
 - Community Leadership Training Committee, 2010 - 2012
 - Health and Well-Being Interest Group Director, 2011 - 2012
 - The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Placement Chairman, 2010 - 2011
 - Neighborhood Outreach Interest Group Researcher, 2009 - 2010
 - The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Volunteer, 2008 - 2009
 - Museum of Fine Arts - Houston Docent, 2007 - 2008
 - Tea Room Volunteer, 2006 - 2007
 - Texas Children's Hospital Volunteer, 2006 - 2007
- M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Health Adventures, Volunteer

Personal Interests

- Crossfit Roughnecks, Member
- Houston Area Road Runners, Member
- National Rifle Association, Member



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 13, 2013

Mr. Michael G. Tapp
12611 Jones Road, Suite 101
Houston, TX 77070

Dear Mr. Tapp:

Thank you for your recommendation of Rachel Palmer. We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information.

Governor Perry appreciates your interest and involvement in the appointments process. We thank you for your valuable input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell D. Dávila".

Darrell D. Dávila
Director of Governmental Appointments

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Mary Hurst Chaffin

12103 Overcup Drive • Houston, Texas 77024 • Phone 713-854-2607 •
E-Mail [REDACTED]@aol.com

Date: September 10, 2013

Governor Rick Perry
Appointments Office
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78701

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Dear Governor Perry:

I am writing to recommend **Rachel Palmer Hooper** for Harris County District Attorney. I first met Rachel two and a half years ago in the Spring of 2011 as we prepared to serve together on the Board of Directors of the Junior League of Houston. Since that time, we have remained close on a personal level and through our volunteerism in the Houston community. It is my goal in this letter to focus on the personal qualities of Rachel that uniquely qualify her to be an outstanding Harris County District Attorney. Her educational and professional achievements speak for themselves.

Rachel knows our Houston community well and lives out her desire to make it a better and safer place both in her job as an Assistant Harris County District Attorney and in her high-level volunteerism with the Junior League of Houston (JLH). Both of these roles demand her leadership, intellect, keen judgment and her compassionate heart for helping others. During her time on the Board of the JLH, Rachel directed and managed the League's volunteers at several large placements including The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. She also made careful and knowledgeable budget recommendations for the Leagues' Community Budget. Rachel is one of the most integral people I have ever met in my life. She is steadfastly grounded and filters facts through her framework of knowledge of the law, justice and a strict moral compass. She does not selectively use facts to prove a belief that she has. To borrow an analogy and apply it to Rachel, the tail does not wag this dog; she wags the tail. I believe it is safe to say that people get into government jobs or politics for many different reasons. I saw this first hand while working on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. for then U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, whom I admire greatly. Put simply, Rachel labors to make our city and county a better place because she believes that she can make a positive difference and that the people in our community deserve her best efforts. Far from seeking personal wealth or recognition, she has proven her commitment to her job regardless of the cost to her personally.

In summary, I can think of no candidate more qualified or dedicated to fill the position of Harris County District Attorney than Rachel Palmer Hooper. I recommend her wholeheartedly and without reservation and ask that you give her full consideration. If I may provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me using the above contact information.

Sincerely,

Mary Hurst Chaffin

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September 13, 2013

Ms. Mary Hurst Chaffin
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September 6, 2013

Governor's Office
Appointments Division
PO Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711

RE: Appointment of Rachel Ann Palmer as Harris County District Attorney

Dear Governor Perry:

It is my privilege to recommend the appointment of **Rachel Ann Palmer** as Harris County District Attorney. Rachel and I have known each other for several years, and it is an honor to be writing this recommendation on her behalf.

Ms. Palmer has worked hard to prepare for the challenges of serving as Harris County's District Attorney, and her desire for justice will undoubtedly benefit the citizens of Harris County. Rachel's ten years of experience as a Harris County Assistant District Attorney provide her with the background and experience necessary to evaluate the complex legal issues facing Harris County.

Rachel is a fine person and excellent attorney, possesses a keen intellect, and Harris County and the State of Texas would be well-served by her appointment. I give Rachel my highest recommendation with no reservations. Please call me if you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 9, 2013

The Honorable Jerry Patterson
Texas General Land Office
P.O. Box 12873
Austin, TX 78711

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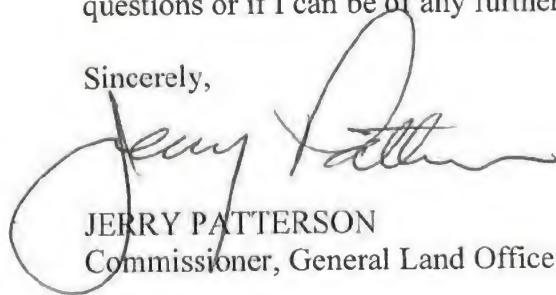
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**HARRIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

**NEUTRAL ON RECOMMENDATION FOR A REPLACEMENT
FOR THE HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY SEAT**

WHEREAS, the District Attorney, Mike Anderson died on August 31, 2013, while in office; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Governor must appoint a replacement District Attorney until the next election; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Harris County Republican Party Executive Committee is neutral at this time as to the potential candidates who may be chosen; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of the adopted resolution be transmitted electronically to the Texas Governor with great dispatch.

Adopted this twenty-third day of September, 2013, Harris County, Texas.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas A. Bazan
Harris County Precinct 661, Chairman
713-466-4477



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 26, 2013

The Honorable Devon D. Anderson

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Bellaire, TX 77401

Dear Judge Anderson:

Congratulations on your recent appointment. Your knowledge and experience will be invaluable as the Harris County District Attorney.

I appreciate your willingness to serve the State of Texas as my appointee and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Rick Perry

Rick Perry
Governor

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RICK PERRY
GOVERNOR

September 24, 2013

The Honorable John Steen
Secretary of State
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please be advised that I am making the following appointment as **District Attorney of Harris County**, for a term until the next General Election and until her successor shall be duly elected and qualified:

Devon Anderson
Bellaire, Texas

Judge Anderson is replacing Mike Anderson who is deceased.

Please issue a commission to this appointee as soon as she has qualified.

Sincerely,

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Rick Perry
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Re: Governor's appointment for the interim Harris County District Attorney

Governor Rick Perry
Appointments Office
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Governor Perry,

I am writing you today to strongly recommend Rachel Palmer as the interim Harris County District Attorney.

As a third generation Houstonian, I am very concerned about the leadership in the Harris County District Attorney's office and the escalation of violent crime in our community. Rachel is uniquely qualified to fill this position. She served as Deputy Chief for almost three years under Pat Lykos and has dedicated her life to seeking justice in Harris County.

We need Rachel in this position to restore credibility to the Harris County District Attorney's office. Rachel is a proven Conservative and has served Harris County with integrity and purpose and is someone that all our citizens would be proud to have as our District Attorney.

Best Regards,

Clyde W. Bryan

Clyde W. Bryan
Vice President

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Dale Huls
2715 Cross Tide Lane
Friendswood, TX 77546
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Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
1100 San Jacinto
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Governor Perry:

Our community has suffered a loss with the passing of Harris County District Attorney Mike Anderson. Unfortunately, the burden of appointing a new Harris County DA now falls on your shoulders until such time as the voters of Harris County can elect their choice for a new DA.

As a tea party leader and Republican activist, I consider the character and qualifications of a new Harris County DA every bit as important as I would those for those serving in State Government. I believe that your appointment should be a person of exemplary character, principled positions, as well as, the appropriate qualifications and experience.

Therefore it is with these qualities in mind that I recommend Harris County Assistant DA Rachel Ann Palmer for appointment as the Harris County District Attorney. Rachel has previously served as the Deputy Chief DA and is well qualified for the position. Furthermore, she has demonstrated her character and principles with her volunteer work which includes: women and children health advocacy, pro-life pregnancy counseling, and local community involvement.

As a conservative grassroots activist in the Houston area who strives to be involved in issues of local and State government, please consider my recommendation of Assistant DA Rachel Palmer.

Sincerely,

Dale T. Huls

Dale Thomas Huls

Harris County Republican Precinct Chair 0655
President, Clear Lake Area Republicans
Clear Lake Tea Party Executive Board Member
Lt. Governor's Grassroots Leadership Council

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Address: 21043 Florette Ln Spring TX 77388	Date Submitted: 9/13/2013 3:50:52PM	Email: [REDACTED]	Phone: 8326065492

Message:

Dear Governor Perry,

Please appoint Belinda Hill as the interim District Attorney of Harris County. When Mike Anderson was elected DA, the office was in need of change and renewal. Mike worked hard to make both happen, even in the midst of a battle with terminal cancer. Belinda Hill was his right hand during that time and has done a marvelous job. Her qualifications are very similar to those of Mike Anderson: longtime prosecutor and respected State District Court judge. There is no choice more appropriate than she.

Thank you for all you do for the Great State of Texas,

Stephen Driver

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CALVIN A. HARTMANN
Attorney at Law

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Spring, Texas 77379-7925

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

September 12, 2013

Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Dear Governor Perry:

I write this letter in support of Belinda Hill for the appointment to the office of District Attorney for Harris County, Texas, to fill the unexpired term of the late James Michael Anderson.

I make this recommendation based upon having served as an Assistant District Attorney for twenty-five years under Johnny Holmes, eighteen years of which being in the capacity of Chief of the Legal Services Bureau and thus having personally observed the work of Ms. Hill and her interaction with lawyers within the office and the judiciary. Because of her work ethic, knowledge of the law, intellect, supervisory and communication skills, and the respect she had garnered both within the office and the judiciary, I wrote a letter to then Governor George Bush in support of her application to a vacant Harris County district court bench.

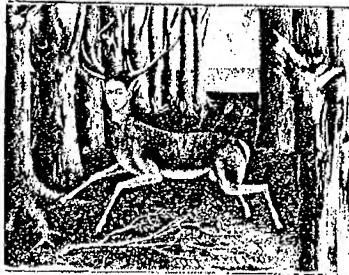
Ms. Hill was appointed to that bench and demonstrated those same qualities in that capacity which had undoubtedly served her so well as an Assistant District Attorney. She was probably the most respected criminal district court judge in Harris County when Mr. Anderson asked her to be his First Assistant upon his election as District Attorney in 2012. With his untimely death Ms. Hill has undertaken to supervise the office based upon the same high standards that Mr. Anderson had set. At his celebration of life service it was clear to me from conversations with former associates that Ms. Hill has the full support of the staff in the District Attorney Office.

The fact that Mr. Anderson thought so much of Ms. Hill that he was able to convince her to give up that bench and serve the citizens of Harris County as the office's First Assistant patently demonstrates the high regard which he held for her. Out of respect for Mr. Anderson I might have suggested that Ms. Hill be appointed as District Attorney, but she brings so much more to the proverbial table that her merits alone patently support her appointment. Succinctly, Ms. Hill is the complete package.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
CALVIN A. HARTMANN

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September 11, 2013

Carolyn Farb
President

Dear Governor Perry,

I'm writing on behalf on Rachel Ann Palmer who has submitted an application for appointment as the Harris County District Attorney.

Palmer is accomplished and passionate about the work that she does in the District Attorney's Office. She has worked there since 2003 to the present. Among her many successes while in her present position, she has worked as a trial lawyer in prosecuting violent offender cases. In the Appellate Division, she has performed research on complex legal issues and represented the State of Texas in oral arguments in the Appellate Courts. As Deputy Chief, from 2009 – 2011, she led the Misdemeanor Division in handling over 6,000 cases accepted each month, and over 16,000 pending cases. Palmer has mentored misdemeanor prosecutors in trial and case strategies.

Palmer served as a trial lawyer from 2003 – 2009 and lead trial counsel in over seventy trial cases. She has been actively involved in both professional and community activities. Her professional activities include volunteering and membership with the Houston Bar Association. She has served on the South Texas College of Law Alumni Board of Association Directors from 2009-2012. Rachel has volunteered with child advocates, the Houston area Women's Center and the Junior League of Houston with their many different non-profit organizations.

Palmer is an avid football fan- a true Texan- and a strong advocate for justice. I heartily endorse her as a solid candidate to fill the position of Harris Country District Attorney.

Hope all is well as you continue to lead Texas gallantly.

Best Regards,

Carolyn
Dr. Carolyn Farb, hc
713-627-2262

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Name: The Honorable ETIENNE H NGUYEN **Correspondence ID:** **IP Address:** 99.44.88.157 **Incoming Type:** A

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HOUSTON
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77065 **Date Submitted:** 9/13/2013 11:03:50AM
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Phone: (832) [REDACTED]

Message:

Gov. Rick Perry,

In response to the death of newly elected District Attorney, Harris Co. & I like to submit Jim Leitner in replace of the vacant important seat in our county.

He's a strong Republican, God fearing man & very devoted to you Gov. Rick Perry.

Nguyen Thai Hoc
Tel: (832) [REDACTED]

Jim Leitner
Tel: (281) [REDACTED]

James Michael "Jim" Leitner
Date of Birth [REDACTED]

Native Houstonian

Married to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Education

High School-Jeff Davis High Houston, Tx

University of St. Thomas Houston, TX Graduated Summa Cum Laude 1972

University of Houston Bates College of Law Graduated 1975

Work History

Assistant District Attorney 1975-1978 Harris County, TX

First Assistant District Attorney Bell & Lampasas Counties 1978-1982

Assistant District Attorney 1982-1983 Harris County, TX

Board Certified Criminal Law 1983 till present

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Private Paractice 1984-2008

First Assistant District Attorney Harris County, TX 2009-2012

2012 till present Private Practice and lawyer for the Sheriff of Harris County, TX

Military:

United States Coast Guard Reserves 1968 through 1996

Retired Commander

Entered as an E-1 advanced to E-6

Direct Commission to O-1 and advanced to O-5

Served two tours as Commanding Officer of Reserve Units

Awarded the Coast Guard Achievement Medal 3 times

Awarded the Coast Guard Commendation Medal for service in Desert Storm

Son Major John Leitner US Army Green Beret'

Personal:

Lifelong Missouri Synod Lutheran

Prior member of the Board of Lutheran High School Houston, TX

Ran for District Attorney of Harris County, TX as a Republican in 2000 and 2008, both times I came in third.

Hobby:

Competitive Olympic Weightlifting

Teen Age National Champion 1968 & 1969

NCAA National Champion 1972

Pan American Games Champion 1973

5 time Masters National Champion

1992 Masters Pan American Games Champion

1993 Masters World Champion

I still compete in powerlifting meets

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Address:
5834 Dryad
Houston
TX
77035

Date Submitted: 9/10/2013 10:57:38AM
Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: 7137211853

Message:

Rachel Palmer is the best, most respected person for Harris County attorney. Please view her standards, good Governor Perry.

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Mrs. Martha Garcia		63.251.90.24	O
Address:	Date Submitted:	9/10/2013 11:00:47AM	
8214 Buffalo Speedway Houston TX 77025	Email:	[REDACTED]	
	Phone:	713-294-7762	

Message:

Please Appoint Rachel Palmer Harris County DA

Martha Garcia
8214 Buffalo Speedway
Houston, TX 77025-2507

September 10, 2013

The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
State Insurance Building, 1100 San Jacinto
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Governor Perry:

Dear Governor Perry,

I respectfully plead with you to appoint Rachel Palmer, former Assistant District Attorney to Pat Lykos, as the replacement for the late Mike Anderson.

Rachel Palmer is a woman of good character and very pro-life. Unlike former Judge Belinda Hill, a pro-abortionist, Rachel Palmer would most definitely take action on the Dr. Douglas Karpen case. Dr. Karpen needs to be put on trial just as was Gosnell.

Sincerely,

Martha M. Garcia
713-294-7762

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Name: Mrs. Maria T Hernandez **Correspondence ID:** **IP Address:** 143.111.80.29 **Incoming Type:** O

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77546

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Message:

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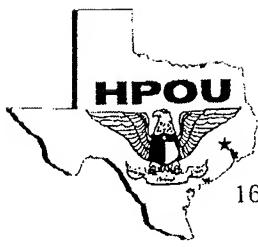
Please appoint Rachel Palmer to fill Mike Anderson's unexpired term.

Thank you,

M. Teresa Hernandez

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The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
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Austin, Texas 78711

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Dear Governor Perry:

On August 31, 2013, our friend, Harris County District Attorney James Michael Anderson, succumbed to his battle with cancer. Our organization and membership were strong supporters of Mike Anderson and we also enjoyed an excellent professional working relationship with his leadership team at the district attorney's office.

The purpose of this correspondence is to solicit your support to appoint Mike Anderson's first assistant district attorney, former judge Belinda Hill, to serve as Harris County District Attorney in compliance with the state constitution.

Judge Hill is an excellent attorney who has demonstrated her commitment to justice during her tenure with the Harris County District Attorney's Office and as a criminal district court judge.

There was a very good reason that Mike Anderson chose Judge Hill to be his first assistant district attorney. During Mike's battle with cancer, Judge Hill upheld the lofty mission of the district attorney's office. She is an outstanding leader and an unwavering advocate for justice.

For those reasons, our organization is in total and complete support of Judge Hill and we respectfully request that you appoint her in your capacity as Governor to lead the Harris County District Attorney's Office.

Sincerely,

Ray Hunt
President

cc: Mr. Darrell Davilla, Governor's Appointments Director

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9133 Larston Houston TX 77055	Email:	[REDACTED]	
	Phone:	(713)-464-2210	

Message:

My prayers are with you in appointing a District Attorney replacing Mike Anderson. I PRAY IT WILL BE A PRO LIFE SUPPORTER SUCH AS RACHEL PALMER.

Governor you have been a strong advocate of LIFE. Pease continue.

Sincerely, Jo Ann Triticco

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Note: LTR sent + Appointee
William A. "Bill" Lawson
4042 Glen Cove Drive
Houston, TX 77021

Hon. Rick Perry, Governor
State of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

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Dear Governor Perry,

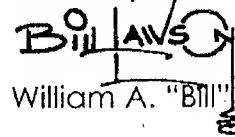
You would not know me, but I am a Baptist preacher living in Houston. I have just learned today when my wife and I returned from vacation of the death of Judge Mike Anderson this past weekend. That is, to put it mildly, a major tragedy for the Anderson family—but almost as much for Harris County.

He was a man of high values and impeccable integrity, and while I am a Democrat, I respected him more than most Democrats in public office in Houston-Harris County. I will join the thousands in prayer for Judge Devon and the children.

You must now appoint an interim. This letter comes, from a Democrat you do not know, to recommend to you Judge Anderson's first Assistant Judge Belinda Hill. He chose her after very careful deliberation, because as a tough but fair judge, now bearing the weight of the DA's office, he wanted somebody who knew the law well, who knew the Harris County criminal justice system well, who shared his work ethic and his principles of justice. She was not an afterthought. Judge Anderson knew Judge Hill was one of the most highly respected persons in any office in Harris County (administrative, legislative, or judicial). He has established a direction that portrays the "moral arc that bends toward justice," and we think that direction needs to continue. We are persuaded that Judge Hill, whose abilities and inclinations you know well, would do just that.

It is your decision, and we know you must plow through multitudes of applicants, and I just wanted to get my two cents in. I will respect whoever you select; but my personal preference would be Judge Belinda Hill.

Sincerely,


BILL LAWSON

William A. "Bill" Lawson

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HONORABLE WILLIE E.B. BLACKMON
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713-223-5919 Office
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September 3, 2013

HONORABLE RICK PERRY
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Re: Appointment Harris County District Attorney
HONORABLE BELINDA HILL

Dear Governor,

It is indeed an honor and a privilege for me to put forward the name of an outstanding lawyer and former jurist for appointment to the position of Harris County District Attorney. It saddened me to learn that District Attorney Mike Anderson had lost his battle with cancer. He was a conscientious assistant district attorney, a judge who understood the rule of law, and a district attorney who was aware of the need to make the victim whole, as well as ensuring that justice was served. We will miss his sense of fairness even while wielding the iron fist of justice. The Interim District Attorney, Honorable Belinda Hill, is cut from the same cloth as her predecessor. This is the reason D.A. Anderson made her his First Assistant. Ms. Hill stepped down from the bench to take on this role as an extension of her long and honored tenure of public service.

Governor Perry I will not attempt to extol her qualifications to take on the responsibilities of District Attorney in one of Texas' most populous counties. Her career of public service speaks for itself. I support her candidacy for appointment because I am personally acquainted with her career from the time she matriculated in law school to the present. We started law school together at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 1979, and graduated as members of the Class of 1982. Since that time I have watched her blossom into one of the finest attorneys and jurists this county has ever known. As a judge she possessed a judicial temperament that was second to none. And as the Harris County District Attorney she will represent the interests of the people of the state of Texas and Harris County in a manner that will make us all proud. It is without reservation that I ask you to appoint the Honorable Belinda Hill as Harris County District Attorney.

Sincerely yours,


WILLIE E.B. BLACKMON

Distinguished Alumnus Texas A&M University

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Message:

Dear Governor Perry,

With the sad passing of Harris County District Attorney Mike Anderson, we know that it becomes your responsibility to initially appoint his replacement.

I am writing to ask that you look outside the Harris County DA's Office in order to continue Mr. Anderson's legacy. With all due respect to the men and women who serve in the Office, both Pat Lykos and the Mike Anderson ran on changing the Office and overcoming the Chuck Rosenthal era of stagnation and poor management.

PLEASE consider Jim Leitner, who was a close runner up in the Republican primaries in both the Lykos and Anderson elections.

As a citizen of Harris County, I have serious concerns about the oversight and integrity of the Office. I feel it would be best to take an outsider who is qualified and expressed interest.

Take Care, Norman Adamek

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Gov. Perry Appoints Anderson District Attorney of Harris County

AUSTIN – Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Devon Anderson of Bellaire as district attorney of Harris County for a term to expire at the next general election.

Anderson is an attorney and former partner of Anderson and Thomas PLLC. She is also former judge of the 177th Judicial District Court and a past assistant district attorney for Harris County. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Houston Bar Association, and president of the Harris County Drug Court Foundation. She is a past member of the Texas District and County Attorneys Association and Texas Association of Drug Court Professionals. She is also a volunteer for Houston Habitat for Humanity and the Bellaire Girls Softball Association.

Anderson received a bachelor's degree and a law degree from the University of Texas.

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The Honorable John Steen
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Please be advised that I am making the following appointment as District Attorney of Harris County, for a term until the next General Election and until her successor shall be duly elected and qualified:

Devon Anderson
Bellaire, Texas

Judge Anderson is replacing Mike Anderson who is deceased.

Please issue a commission to this appointee as soon as she has qualified.

Sincerely,

Rick Perry

Rick Perry
Governor

RP:ddd



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1. Personal Information

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Preferred Name Devon Anderson		
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E-Mail Address [REDACTED]		

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3. Employment Information

Employer N/A	Employer's Address N/A	Present Job Title N/A
Profession N/A		
Present Job Description N/A		

4. Education/Training

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Degree and Field of Study
High School	Richfield High School, Waco, Texas	1984	
Undergraduate	University of Texas at Austin	1988	Plan II Honors
Graduate	University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas	1991	J.D.
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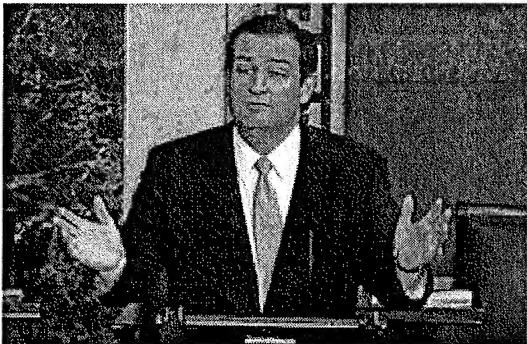
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Ted Cruz Picks Up the Talking Stick



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This talking trick apparently works more than once.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz[1] of Texas is getting a big bounce from talking for 21 hours about his problems with Obamacare, just as state Sen. Wendy Davis[2] got a boost from her June filibuster on abortion and women's health.

Davis is riding her bottle rocket into the governor's race. The short-form analysis of her leap into the spotlight is that it delighted the Democrats on her side and left Republicans seething, both at her and, to a lesser extent, at the leaders who turned on that spotlight in the first place.

For Cruz, the analysis is a little more nuanced, mainly because the Republican Party is a little more nuanced right now. He delighted the people who chose him in 2012 over Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst[3] — the rowdies who dominated that Republican primary and especially the July runoff. The populist wing of the party seems to like Cruz as much as it hates Washington. But "Washington" in this context comprises both Republicans and Democrats, and those guys are chafing at the new guy's ability to command attention and hijack the debate.

That's why journalists find it relatively easy to find establishment Republicans ready to cut Cruz down to size. Both sides of this argument have some real talent and it would be silly to try to handicap the outcome — in Washington.

It's easier here. Populists toss candidates into office for the same reasons teenagers egg houses — to make a point, to mess things up, to express frustration and dissatisfaction. And to have fun making the people with starched clothes angry.

They might get tired of the state's junior senator eventually, but not yet. The fact that the establishment dislikes his tactics and is so vocal about it, and that the media is tracking that disdain so closely — all of that works for him.

He might be in real political trouble when this is all over, but it could work the other way, too: Everybody else might be in real trouble.

The next five months will provide some clues. The Republican races at the top of the Texas ballot are crowded and competitive. Money is being invested in polling, giving those candidates a better look into what works and what doesn't work than the rest of us have available. The advertising will follow soon, and from those messages and dozens of town halls and interviews and news stories, voters will be able to see what the pros think of the current environment.

If you see a lot of smart people acting like Cruz between now and March, you'll have a pretty good indication that what he's doing right now is working.

Dewhurst got "Cruzed" last year — the voguish term for what happens to a traditional Republican when a populist conservative runs to their political right and inveighs against the traditionalists. Variations on that strategy are already showing up this year, including in the lieutenant governor's race that features Dewhurst and three other current Republican officeholders.

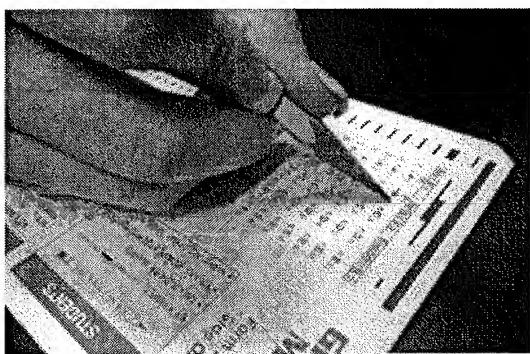
If Cruz is turning voters off, that will be apparent right away, too. Candidates will run away from what he's doing.

If that happens, getting "Cruzed" could mean something else entirely.

Links:

1. [1] <http://www.texastribune.org/directory/ted-cruz/>
2. [2] <http://www.texastribune.org/directory/wendy-davis/>
3. [3] <http://www.texastribune.org/directory/david-dewhurst/>

Still No Waiver for Texas on No Child Left Behind



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Almost a year after Texas decided to ask for a waiver of the No Child Left Behind Act, it is one of just nine states still waiting for a reprieve from the federal education law.

The delay is the result of ongoing negotiations over the state's approach to evaluating teacher performance. A stalemate over including student achievement on standardized tests as a component of the evaluations — a priority for the Obama administration — led Texas officials to submit a revised application

at the end of August. But even language included in the updated application said school district participation in a new evaluation system, which is still under development, would be voluntary.

It's an awkward position for the state, said Linda Bridges, the president of the Texas branch of the American Federation of Teachers.

"I think they are somewhat in a difficult position with the waiver. Either the commissioner is going to have to ignore legislative intent and look at that as a major factor, or he's going to have to be very clear about that issue being a factor and then look at other multiple measures of evaluation," she said.

During the most recent legislative session, efforts to emphasize student achievement as a part of teacher evaluations stalled. Senate Education Chairman Dan Patrick[4], R-Houston, was forced to drop a section from a bill that would have opened the door to tying students' standardized tests scores to teacher performance because of concerns over whether the tests could accurately reflect student learning.

Such proposals have also faced questions about evaluating teachers whose students aren't required to take annual standardized tests. Texas students begin taking state standardized exams in third grade. Before they reach high school, they are tested each year in reading and math[5] but less frequently in subjects like science, writing and social studies.

The possibility of a new conversation over including student achievement in teacher evaluations comes as good news, however, for teacher-quality advocates who have argued that it is essential to providing meaningful feedback to educators.

John Fitzpatrick, the executive director of Educate Texas, the organization that launched the Texas Teaching Commission in the hopes of encouraging reforms, said support for the policy lagged during the legislative session because it was overshadowed by more urgent topics.

"We look forward to having this issue really get a full consideration because it was not a majority priority or a high visibility topic this session," he said.

Without a federal waiver, nearly all of the state's school districts could be subject to sanctions next year, including forced restructuring, for failing to meet the law's requirement that 100 percent of their students pass reading and math exams. When the state applied for the waiver last September — one of Education Commissioner Michael Williams[6]' first acts after he was appointed — it did so without agreeing to conditions U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan had attached to waivers offered to other states.

But now it appears the strategy to evade federal interference with state policy hasn't entirely succeeded.

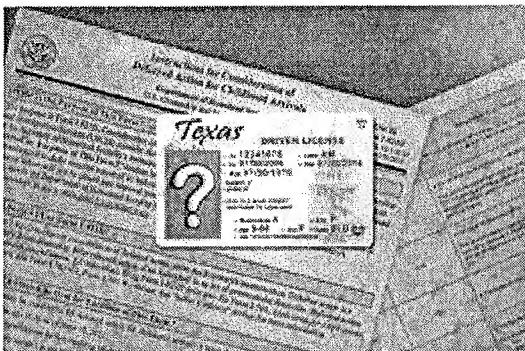
Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe said the state must maintain as much flexibility for school districts as possible in its agreement with the federal government. She said additional details of conversations with the education department have been kept confidential — but that the state still expected to hear the final word "any day."

"I think they are dealing with us in good faith," she said. "We took a different route on our waiver than other states, and that has just taken them a little more time to figure out how to handle it."

Links:

1. [4] <http://www.texastribune.org/directory/dan-patrick/>
2. [5] <http://www.texastribune.org/2013/04/30/texas-house-votes-reduce-state-exams-lower-grades/>
3. [6] <http://www.texastribune.org/directory/michael-williams/>

Work Deferments for Immigrant Youths Higher in Texas



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One year after President Obama's decision to allow undocumented-immigrant youths to apply for renewable work permits and a two-year reprieve from deportation proceedings, Texas — perhaps due to its immigration policies — beats the national average of approved applicants.

At the same time, the Pew Research Center says that the number of undocumented immigrants in Texas has remained steady, or possibly increased, while the rest of the country saw a dip in overall illegal immigration the past few years.

Analysts argue that trend could also be attributed to the state's middle-of-the-road policies on immigration enforcement.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy was implemented in August 2012. Since then, approximately 91,000 of the state's 165,000 eligible immigrants (about 55 percent) have applied and been accepted for processing, according to data from the U.S. Citizen Immigration Services obtained by the D.C.-based Migration Policy Institute. Throughout the country, about 538,000 applications have been accepted out of a possible 1,089,000, or about 49 percent.

Taken together, California and Texas are home to 44 percent of the country's DACA-eligible immigrants. Randy Capps, a senior analyst and demographer with the MPI, said geography is one reason for that. About 59 percent of the country's eligible applicants are from Mexico, and Mexicans also have the highest application rate, about 64 percent.

But Texas' policy of requiring applicants for driver's licenses to prove legal status also comes in to play, Capps said. Although DACA holders are technically not legal residents, the Texas Department of Public Safety allows them to obtain driver's licenses. DPS guidelines indicate that people who can supply the proper documents are granted "deferred action status" are allowed licenses or IDs that must be renewed annually.

"That is an incentive right there," he said. "And that's the case with most states."

An immigrant-friendly measure signed by Gov. Rick Perry[7] could also be a reason the number of DACA applicants in Texas isn't as high as earlier predicted. Certain states allow DACA holders to attend colleges and pay in-state tuition. But Texas has allowed that since 2001. If Texas' policies were more like those in North Carolina and Georgia, which have stricter higher-education rules and rank seventh and ninth, respectively, in the number of DACA applicants, the number of immigrants from Texas seeking the reprieve and work permits might actually be higher.

Texas is higher in the total number of undocumented immigrant residents. New data from the Pew Research Center's Hispanic Trends Project shows Texas had about 1.7 million unauthorized immigrants in

2012, and did not experience declines in unauthorized immigration during 2007-11, a period of declines in those numbers in the rest of the country.

"There was a limited impact of the recession in Texas," Capps said, specifically citing the plummet in the construction industry in other parts of the country. "Los Angeles, Phoenix, Miami, the Atlanta metro area — they were all devastated. You didn't see that type of bust in Texas."

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1. [7] <http://www.texastribune.org/directory/rick-perry/>

Newsreel: Long Talks, Resignations and a Seuss-Off



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In this edition of the Texas Weekly Newsreel: U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz talked for more than 21 hours to bring more attention to efforts to stop the Affordable Care Act, state Rep. Bill Callegari, R-Katy, has decided not to seek another term and state District Judge Ken Anderson resigned in the face of legal proceedings related to the wrongful murder conviction of Michael Morton.

You can view the video at: <http://trib.it/1asDfsy>[8]

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Inside Intelligence: About Those College Sports...



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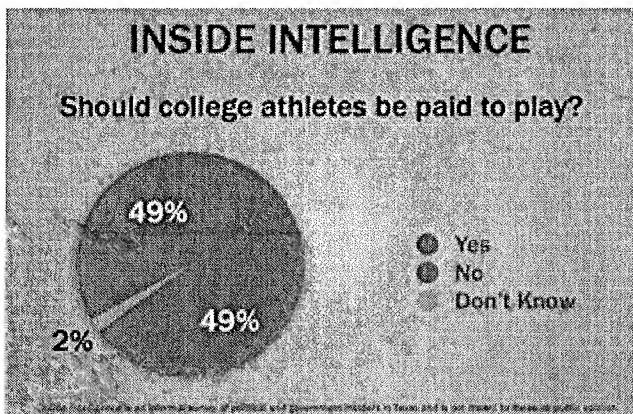
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This week, we asked the insiders in government and politics about college sports and college athletes, starting off with the big question — should college athletes be paid to play? — and finding a 49 percent to 49 percent split in the answer.

A 61 percent majority said student athletes should not be allowed to earn outside income from endorsements, signing memorabilia and the like. But they were even-handed, too, with 60 percent saying the colleges should not be allowed to use players' names and faces in their own marketing without compensating the players for it.

Finally, we asked whether student athletes should continue to offered college scholarships if they were also allowed to be paid for playing. Slightly more than half of our insiders said they should be.

We collected comments along the way and have attached a full set. Here's a sampling of what the insiders said:

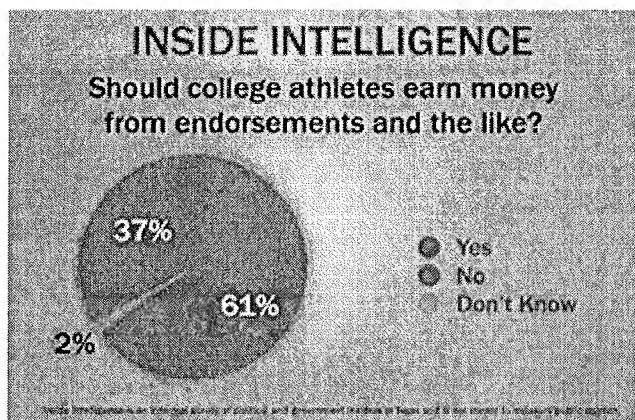


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Should college athletes be paid to play?

- "Why pretend any longer that college sports are for student athletes. It is professional."
- "You mean in addition to free tuition, room, board, trainers, tutors, and athletic clothing?"
- "They are being paid with full-ride scholarships and amenities that the typical college student can only dream about. And they're receiving an education that will serve them long after their knees won't."
- "You mean above-the-board?"
- "College sports should remain amateur and unpaid -- to paraphrase the Little Prince, what the NCAA says they are, they should be really -- a program that allows kids to participate in sports while pursuing an academic degree."
- "They make the School tons of money."
- "I would feel a lot more justified in booing teenagers if I knew they were at least drawing a paycheck."
- "College is about education, not sports."
- "The NCAA and its universities have created a modern form of slavery and no one is outraged by it. The student athlete sacrifices his body; gets to live with long-term health issues; and as a whole make billions of dollars for a select group of men and institutions. And what do they get? Nada! There is something morally wrong with this picture."
- "They basically are getting paid, anybody priced Baylor lately?"

- "A really big business where everyone does very well except the people actually doing the work."



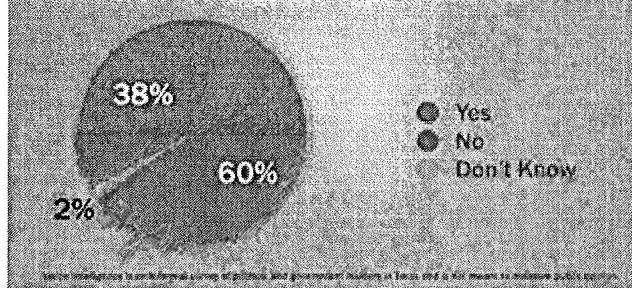
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Should college players be allowed to earn outside income from endorsements, selling signatures, and the like?

- "I think they should but if they are on scholarship then whatever they earn should supplant scholarship money."
- "Yes. Split with universities for as long as student athlete wears the uniform. Put in escrow for use when degree is obtained."
- "But they should have to split it with the university and the NCAA and the broadcast carriers who give them the brand and the opportunity and platform to make money."
- "As long as controls are in place to ensure outcomes are not being paid for, then there is no reason to get in the way of this."
- "No. If a kid wants to become a professional, he should go pro."
- "That money should go to the scholarships for others not involved in athletics"
- "If the school is allowed to sell their jersey, if the NCAA is allowed to sell their likeness in perpetuity, then they ought to be able to share in those riches."
- "Yes. If someone wants to pay you for your signature on a jersey, go for it!"
- "YES! The question should be: Why shouldn't players be allowed to earn outside income from endorsements, etc."
- "Really? Please. These young men and women need to be grateful for the opportunity they are given as an athlete. Should professional athletes start getting a share of the TV revenue that their leagues get and a cut of the profit the team owners get? Not!"

INSIDE INTELLIGENCE

Should schools use athlete names and images for commercial purposes without paying them?



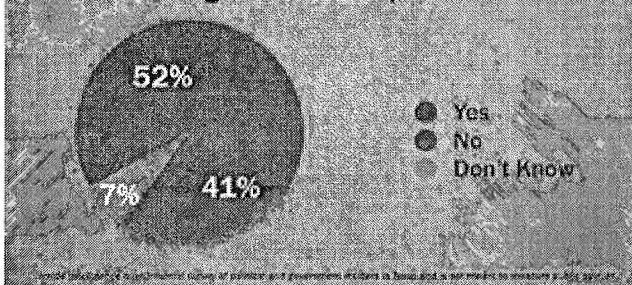
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Should colleges — public or private — be allowed to use players names and faces in their own advertising and product deals without compensating the players?

- "Players should not be treated as a commodity but as a partner in generating profit for the school."
- "Will the colleges let me sell items with their brand without compensation? Ok then."
- "Of course they should. These athletes are getting plenty in return for their playing time."
- "No, but that doesn't mean the players should be compensated. Amateur is amateur."
- "Again, players have been treated as personal property by these institutions. Use them, abuse them, make as much money as possible from them, and then dispose of them for the next great thing."
- "This is not about the individual. Whatever happened to Big Team Little Me? Perhaps this is a reflection of our self-centered culture."
- "Yes, because the players ARE being compensated--they get to graduate debt-free. How many college students can say that?"
- "That's the deal. Even if they're not paid (and I think they should be), colleges use sports for fundraising, and nothing brings in the money like an All-American."

INSIDE INTELLIGENCE

If athletes were paid, should they also get scholarships?



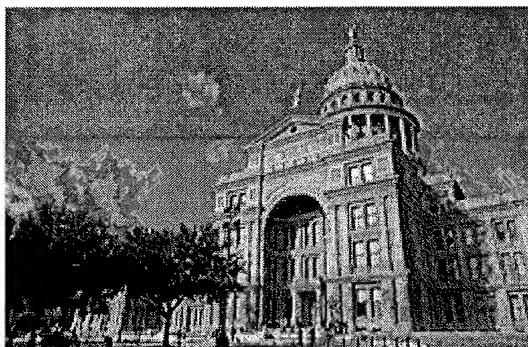
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If student-athletes were paid, should they also be offered scholarships in addition to that pay?

- "The scholarships are the pay. Other students in more valued fields do not receive pay for significant work, like research related studies"
- "The schools make a lot of money off of their participation and work."
- "Most students are offered scholarships in some form or fashion. But, only a few students generate revenue. When the math club starts selling out stadiums, pay them on top of their scholarships too."
- "Non-student athletes are given scholarships and fellowship stipends regularly... bet you didn't even know that... why should a student-athlete be treated differently."
- "How about a guaranteed four-year scholarship, so that the kid can at least get an education - even if they tear an ACL."
- "Someone on a scholarship can also be on work study. Why shouldn't athletes?"

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The Calendar



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Saturday, Sept. 28

- Fundraiser and birthday celebration for Sen. **Carlos Uresti**; St. Anthony Wyndham Hotel, San Antonio (7-11 p.m.)

Tuesday, Oct. 1

- Debate featuring candidates for lieutenant governor; Sosa Community Center, Houston (7 p.m.)
- Fundraiser for agriculture commissioner candidate **Eric Opiela**; Paloma Blanca, San Antonio (5:30-7 p.m.)

Thursday, Oct. 3

- Debate featuring candidates for lieutenant governor; Grace Community Church, Houston (7 p.m.)

The Week in the Rearview Mirror

The most violent prisons in the Texas state system share a common factor: They house a high proportion of mentally ill inmates[9]. *The Texas Tribune* analyzed violent-incident data from 99 state prisons from 2006 to 2012, and found far more incident reports at facilities housing high numbers of mentally ill, violent offenders than at other prisons. Among the five units with the highest number of reports are the state's three psychiatric facilities. In addition, the William P. Clements Unit, which is not a psychiatric facility, but houses 1,800 mentally ill inmates among a population of 3,500, is in that group, according to Texas Department of Criminal Justice data.

Five months after an explosion at West Fertilizer Co., West continues to rebuild[10] and its residents are on the slow and difficult road to recovery. And in Austin, state agencies are starting to implement recommendations to help ensure safe practices at facilities that hold such potentially dangerous materials. For example, State Fire Marshal Chris Connealy said that his office is compiling a list of all the facilities in Texas that store 10,000 pounds or more of ammonium nitrate. That information is scheduled to go online in November in the form of a searchable public database.

In an ongoing effort to restore Texans' faith in the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, state leaders appointed new members to the committee that oversees it. Gov. **Rick Perry** appointed **Angelos Angelou** of Austin, founder and principal executive of Angelou Economics; **Gerry Geistweidt**, a Mason attorney; and Dr. **William Rice** of Austin, senior vice president of clinical innovation for St. David's Healthcare and the Central and West Texas Division of the Hospital Corporation of America. Lt. Gov. **David Dewhurst** appointed Houston businessman **Ned Holmes**; Dr. **Craig Rosenfeld** of Dallas, chief executive of Collaborative Medical Development; and **Amy Mitchell**, an attorney at Fulbright and Jaworski and a cancer survivor. A spokesman for House Speaker **Joe Straus** said the speaker plans to name his three appointees soon.

Williamson County state district Judge **Ken Anderson**, who oversaw the wrongful murder conviction[11] of **Michael Morton** in 1987, submitted a letter to the governor resigning his position effective immediately. Anderson is facing both civil and criminal court proceedings for his role in prosecuting Morton for the 1986 murder of his wife, **Christine Morton**. Attorneys for Morton allege that Anderson withheld critical evidence that pointed to Morton's innocence and that he lied to the judge about the existence of that evidence. Morton was sentenced to life in prison and spent nearly 25 years behind bars before DNA testing revealed that he was innocent and connected another man to his wife's killing. He was released from prison in 2011.

The Texas Department of Public Safety is offering another way for potential voters to obtain a photo ID[12] needed to vote. Twenty-five mobile locations will begin processing the election identification

certificates next week. The documents, which are free for applicants who meet voter requirements and show proof of identity and citizenship, are also available at driver's license offices. The announcement follows a DPS decision two weeks ago to extend the hours of about 50 driver's license offices to include Saturdays to encourage more citizens to apply for the documents.

Amid widespread reports that she will run for Texas governor, state Sen. **Wendy Davis** released details about the announcement of her future plans next week. She will make the announcement at 3 p.m. on Oct. 3 in the auditorium where she received her high school diploma in 1981 — the Wiley G. Thomas Coliseum in Haltom City — mirroring the opening event of **Kay Bailey Hutchison**'s gubernatorial campaign in 2010.

Links:

1. [9] <http://www.texastribune.org/2013/09/22/violence-behind-bars-tie-mental-illness/>
2. [10] <http://www.texastribune.org/2013/09/24/west-explosion-drives-state-agencies-make-changes/>
3. [11] <http://www.texastribune.org/2013/09/24/judge-ken-anderson-resigns-amid-ethics-lawsuit/>
4. [12] <http://www.texastribune.org/2013/09/24/dps-roll-out-mobile-stations-process-voter-ids/>

Political People and their Moves

Gov. **Rick Perry** appointed:

- **Jeff Brown** to the open spot on the Texas Supreme Court, elevating a justice from Houston's 14th Court of Appeals to the state's highest civil court. Brown will take Justice **Nathan Hecht**'s place on the high court. The governor promoted Hecht to chief justice after **Wallace Jefferson** announced plans to resign from the court at the end of the month. Brown is a former state district judge and a private practice attorney before that. He served as a law clerk at the Texas Supreme Court, working for Justices **Jack Hightower** and **Greg Abbott**. Both Hecht and Brown will be on the ballot in 2014.
- **Devon Anderson** of Bellaire as Harris County District Attorney until after next year's election, replacing her husband, **Mike Anderson**, who succumbed to cancer last month. Anderson is a criminal defense attorney, a former district judge and a former assistant Harris County DA.
- **Kem Thompson Frost** of Katy to chief justice on Houston's 14th Court of Appeals, where she has served as a justice since 1999.

State Reps. **Tryon Lewis**, R-Odessa, and **Bill Callegari**, R-Katy, won't seek reelection in 2014, becoming the latest members of the current House to say they won't be back. Ten of the dropouts are Republicans. Two — including **Mark Strama**, who resigned this summer and will be replaced in a special election in November — are Democrats. Republican Reps. **Dan Branch** of Dallas, **Stefani Carter** of Dallas, **Brandon Creighton** of Conroe, **Harvey Hilderbran** of Kerrville and **Van Taylor** of Plano are all seeking other offices. Others aren't running for anything: **John Davis**, R-Houston; **Craig Eiland**, D-Galveston; **Rob Orr**, R-Burleson; and **Jim Pitts**, R-Waxahachie.

Comptroller candidate **Glenn Hegar** picked up endorsements from five Republican Tarrant County state representatives: **Giovanni Capriglione**, **Craig Goldman**, **Stephanie Klick**, **Matt Krause**, and **Bill Zedler**.

Wayne Christian, running for railroad commissioner in a crowded GOP primary, won endorsements from **Tim Lambert**, a former national Republican committeeman and the current president of the Texas Home School Coalition, and from three leaders of Concerned Women for America: **Michelle Smith**, **Carol Everett** and **Ann Hettinger**.

U.S. Sen. **Kay Bailey Hutchison** was named honorary chairman of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas Education Foundation, that trade group's philanthropic arm.

The Republican Party of Texas will conduct a 2016 presidential straw poll of paid attendees at its 2014 state convention. The same idea was considered and then abandoned by the party in 2011. Their list is interesting. In addition to the local kids who might be running for president — **Ted Cruz** and **Rick Perry** — the RPT is inviting **Jeb Bush**, **Chris Christie**, **Bobby Jindal**, **John Kasich**, **Steve King**, **Rand Paul**, **Mike Pence**, **Marco Rubio**, **Paul Ryan**, **Rick Santorum**, and **Scott Walker**.

Quotes of the Week

Most Americans could not give a flying flip about politicians in Washington. Who cares? Most of us are in cheap suits with bad haircuts. Who cares?

Ted Cruz in his marathon speech on the Senate floor

Wendy Davis filibustered for women's health. Sen. Cruz filibustered against people having health care.

Sen. **Leticia Van de Putte**, D-San Antonio

You can feel the Cruz effect all over the state.

Konni Burton, a conservative Republican running to succeed **Wendy Davis**, quoted in *The Associated Press*

It ought to be a shock to all of us, as a nation and a people. It ought to obsess us. It ought to lead to some sort of transformation.

President **Barack Obama**, eulogizing 12 people in a shooting rampage at the Navy Yard in Washington

He'll be overwhelmingly re-elected. Sometimes there is smoke where there is fire, or other times it is a smoke machine. So those who say that there is criticism of Sen. Cornyn, I think that's a smoke machine.

Republican consultant **Bryan Eppstein** on criticism of U.S. Sen. **John Cornyn** during the Obamacare defunding fight

Would you contact the high wealth individuals you know, and even those who might not know you but whom you know live in your area, or are in your line of business or industry?

Republican comptroller candidate **Debra Medina**, in an emailed fundraising appeal

Stopping bad things is a significant public service.

Cruz, quoted in *GQ*

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